

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department – Pattadar Pass Books- Permission to the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP.,Hyderabad to sanction an amount of Rs.15.78 Crores from AMC funds to take up the Pilot Project for replacement of 20.00 Lakh Pattadar pass books initially in three Districts viz., Ananthapur, Warangal and Prakasam – Orders- Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AM.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 120

Dt: 16 -5-2011.

Read the following:-

From the C&DoAM, AP.,Hyd. Lr.No.Statutory/2011, dt.1.2.2011.

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ORDER:-

In the reference read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP., Hyderabad, has reported that the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Special Chief Secretary to Government, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad., has informed that Government have taken up a massive exercise for updating of record of rights during the period 1989-1990 to 1995-96 and issued pattadar pass books to the farmers who are both owners and also cultivators(occupant) and at present there are 1.29 crores of pattadar pass books in circulation in the State. Further, the farmers in the State have been effectively using the Pattadar Pass Books as an instrument for getting credit from Commercial institutions, marketing their produce in the Agricultural Market Committees, benefits under Rythu Bandhu Pathakam and also for getting inputs like seed, fertilizers, crop insurance etc. and the Marketing Department is providing infrastructure facilities to the farmers for sale of their produce through 327 AMCs and 105 Rythu Bazars spread over in different places in the State.

2. The Commissioner & has further reported that however, these pattadar pass books are devoid of any security features and has attracted many unscrupulous elements to exploit the loopholes in the system and resort to printing of bogus pattadar pass books, tampering the entries, replacement of photographs of landholders in the existing pass books for gaining undue benefits from the Government and financial institutions. It is estimated that about 10% of bogus pattadar pass books are now in circulation resulting in siphoning of limited Government resources meant for poor and downtrodden farmers.

3. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, has also reported that it shall also facilitate departments like Agriculture and Marketing to ensure that the benefits under their schemes reach the genuine farmers as proper identification of the farmer and the land possessed by them can be easily known and that the approximate cost for total replacement is Rs.104.00 Crores @ Rs.80/- per book. Hence, he has proposed to take up the pilot project initially in three districts viz., Ananthapur, Warangal and Prakasam ie., one from one region to study the practical issues in its implementation before scaling up to the entire State and the estimated cost is Rs.15.78 Crores.

4. Keeping in view of the welfare of farming community, the C&DoAM has requested the Government to take a view to meet the estimated cost of Rs.15.78 Crores from AMC funds to take up the pilot project for replacement of 20.00 lakh pattadar pass books initially in three districts viz, Ananthapur, Warangal and Prakasam.

5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP.,Hyderabad, to meet the expenditure of an amount of Rs.15.78 Crores, (Rupees Fifteen Crores and Seventy Eight Lakhs) ie., Rs.10.00 Crores from the surpluses of AMCs in the districts of Guntur, East and West Godavari Districts and to distribute the same in the districts of Ananthapur and Prakasam and also Rs.5.78 Crores from Warangal AMCs in Warangal District so as to take up the pilot project for replacement of 20.00 lakh pattadar pass books initially in three Districts viz., Ananthapur, Warangal and Prakasam . The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing is requested to obtain the utilization certificate for the amount from Chief Commissioner of Land Administration & Special Chief Secretary, AP.,Hyderabad.

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP.,Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter and send compliance report to Government.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Exp.A&C) Department vide their U.O.No.3694/185-A/A2/Exp.A&C/2011, dt.3.5.2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.R.KISHORE,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Accountant General , Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Finance (Exp.A&C) Department.

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The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,
AP.,Hyderabad.
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